



MFGA Green Gold Report – May 31, 2021 – CENTRAL

Reports for Optimum Alfalfa Harvest Date cover Manitoba’s Central, Western, Eastern and Interlake areas.

SITE	RFV NIR	RFV PEAQ	Height	CP
Austin	170	244	15	30
Gladstone	133	244	15	25
Horndean	203	260	13	33
MacGregor	185	268	12	30
Manitou – Central	0	0	0	0
Manitou – South of Town	187	252	14	31
St. Leon	0	0	0	0
Treherne	193	277	11	37
CENTRAL AVERAGE	179	258	13	31

Since Wednesday, growth has increased slowly. The damage that was made from last week's frost had some damaged on the lower-mid half leaves. Some early buds are showing up. The RFV is dropping by 9 pts/day.

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What I am seeing:

Growth has increased slightly in the past 5 days. There was light damage on the edges of the leaves. Early buds have developed in certain areas. The crop is shorter with the lack of moisture and the RFV's are dropping.

Best stage to cut my grass or legume hay?

The best stage partly depends on the nutritional needs of the animals to be fed and if you want to maximize the amount of protein harvested per acre.

The best stage of maturity to accomplish this goal is at the late bud to 10% bloom stage for alfalfa, at the 10% to 20% bloom stage for clovers, and between the late boot and early heading stages for grasses. Alfalfa-grass mixtures should be cut based on the stage of maturity of the alfalfa. Clovergrass mixtures should be cut based on the stage of the grass.

What is Hay Day?

Hay Day is the estimated day that alfalfa will reach a RFV of 170. Past experience has shown that approximate 20 points are lost during the haying process and the time taken to get the entire crop cut, cured and baled. Silage shortens this process and therefore the quality can be higher. Grass/alfalfa mixes can and do reduce the RFV by 20-30 points depending on the % of the blend. Nutritionist like to target hay in the 135-150 RFV towards Dairy cows in the 1st trimester and towards dairy calves. The RFV hay from 125-140 is fed to the dairy cows in the last 200 days and heifers 12-18 months of age. Hay at 115-130 makes excellent Beef cow and heifer 12-18 month old feed and any from 100-115 is good for the Dry cow and heifer between 18 and 24 month.

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